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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Mayce Edward Christopher Webber III (a/k/aChris Webber)

CHRIS WEBBER SENTENCED TODAY

Mayce Edward Christopher Webber III (a/k/a Chris Webber), was sentenced on his July 14, 2003 plea of guilty to Criminal Contempt in violation of 18 U.S.C. §401, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. Webber pleaded guilty to committing criminal contempt by obstructing the administration of justice by testifying falsely before a Federal grand jury on August 2, 2000. Webber admitted during his plea that he had testified falsely to the federal grand jury when he denied giving money to Eddie L. Martin when in truth, he had delivered to Martin more than \$38,000.00.

Today the Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds, citing to Mr. Webber's 330 hours of community service, his out of pocket expenses in excess of \$78,000.00 and participating in the program for the improvement in reading skills for students, elected to treat his offense as a misdemeanor. The Judge also imposed the maximum fine for a misdemeanor of \$100,000.00.